

**WE CLAIM:**

1. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:  
(a) a paint brush of the type including a ferrule, bristles and a handle; and  
5 (b) a means for tilting the bristles of the brush upwardly away from a flat surface  
when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

2. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1,  
wherein said tilting means positions the bristles of the brush head upwardly away from a flat  
10 surface at an angle  $\theta$  relative a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat  
surface.

3. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1  
wherein said tilting means includes a ferrule having a raised portion such that the bristles of  
15 the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid  
onto a flat surface.

4. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 3  
wherein said raised portion includes at least one dimple.

5. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 3 wherein said raised portion includes at least one ridge.

6. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1 wherein said tilting means includes an adaptor piece including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said ferrule such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

7. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 1 wherein said tilting means includes a sleeve including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said ferrule such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

8. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:

(a) said paint brush including a brush head attached to a paint brush handle, wherein said brush head oriented substantially along a brush plane;

(b) said paint brush handle including a handle section integrally part of said paint brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush being adapted to be gripped in a hand; and

(c) said tilting mechanism including a means for tilting the bristles of said paint brush  
brush upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat  
surface.

5 9. In combination a paint brush and a brush tilting mechanism comprising:

(a) said paint brush including a brush head attached to a paint brush handle, wherein  
said brush head oriented substantially along a brush plane;

10 (b) said paint brush handle including a handle section integrally part of said paint  
brush handle and substantially oriented along a handle axis, said handle axis spaced  
from and substantially parallel to said brush plane, such that said paint brush being  
adapted to be gripped in a hand; and

(c) said tilting mechanism including a means for tilting the bristles of the brush head  
upwardly away from a flat surface at an angle  $\theta$  relative a flat surface when said  
paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

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10. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein  
said tilting means includes a ferrule having a raised portion such that the bristles of the brush  
are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat  
20 surface.

11. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 10 wherein said raised portion includes at least one dimple.

12. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 10  
5 wherein said raised portion includes a ridge.

10 13. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein said tilting means includes an adaptor piece including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said paint brush such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.

15 14. The combination paint brush and brush tilting mechanism claimed in claim 8 wherein said tilting means includes a sleeve including a raised portion for releasably positioning onto said paint brush such that the bristles of the brush are oriented upwardly away from a flat surface when said paint brush being laid onto a flat surface.